Ad-hoc Assistance to the Drought —Hit Areas of Kalahandi

3660. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS-GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister during his visit to the worst-affected prockets of drought-hit Kalahandi in November last year had promised an immediate ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 50 crores; and

(b) if so, the details of the assistance given on this account, so far?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) After the Prime Minister visited the drought-affected areas in Orissa on 13th November, 1996 he had announced that Rs. 50.00 crores would be made available for undertaking relief measures. Rs. 30.00 crores was made available under the Employment Assurance Programme and Rs. 8.00 crores was sanctioned under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Following the assessment of the drought situation by the Central Team and on the recommendation of the National Calamity Relief Committee Rs. 13.00 crores was sanctioned from the National Fund for Calamity Relief and paid on 1st Jan., 1997. Subsequently, an additional Rs. 37.00 crores has been made available from the NFCR on the recommendations of the NCRC on 17th March, 1997.

Formulation of Long-term Policy for Development of Dairy Industry in Bihar

3661. SHRI S. S. **AHLUWALIA**: Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any long-term policy for developing a viable and self-sustaining dairy industry in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) As part of a long term policy of development of dairying, Government of India implemented through the NDDB the Operation Flood (OF) Programme in Bihar in three phases since the early 70's. The progress of key parameters of milk co-operatives in Bihar as at the end of operation Flood III is given in the enclosed statement. (*See* below).

In addition Government of India approved two separate Integrated Dairy Development Projects for Bihar during the 8th Plan period at a total outlay of Rs. 887.61 lakhs to be implemented in the districts i.e. Bethiah, Purnea, Katihar, Kishanganj, Araria, Deoghar, Godda, Giridih and Dumka on 100% grant basis.

Statement

PROGRESS OF OPERATION FLOOD IN BIHAR

The Progress of key Parameters of Operation flood Programme in Bihar

DCS (No.)	—	2722
Farmer members ('000)	—	135
Milk procurement (TKGPD)	—	155 @
Milk marketing (TLPD)	—	175 @
Dairy Processing (TLPD)	—	586
Milk Drying (MTPD)	—	12.5

@ Average of the year 1995-96
TKGPD : Thousand kg. per day
TLPD : Thousand Litres per day
MTPD : Metric Tonnes per day